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September 22nd, 1941

Mr. R.E. Holltum Botanic Gardens, Singapore

PERSONAL

Dear Mr. Holttum:

In the last number of the "Journal of the Washington Academy of Science", Dr. O.F. Cook, of the U.S.A. Department of Agriculture, has published an incredible article on Hevea. The gentleman in question must be insane to reel off such stupidities, as you may readily learn reading his "vapours". Since he does not like Hevea he renames it Siphonia, then to add to the discomfiture of the reader he kneads it up with Caoutchoua. In brief, the contribution in question is incredible and you should read it to decide whether I exaggerate.

Normally, a thing of the kind goes to the wastebasket, where it belongs. But I am sure that in this case some confusion will result. Seeing a work by somebody who is on the staff of the Department of Agriculture of the U.S.A., which is published by the Washington Academy of Science, the candid reader will believe that Cook is justified in some measure in changing names for these very important economic trees. The truth is that he is not justified at all.

I have written a short article on the score, which I include. If you think you can use in any coming number of of your Journal you are welcome to it. I am not very anxious to have it published very soon, either. For instance: I would rather have it published in the autumn combined provided of 1942 than in the Spring. I am sure that I will have oppositions for " tapping on the head " Dr. Cook, and I never care to have oppositions coming we when the time for being reconfirmed on the staff here contic up. That time, I should specify; is between January and April each year, so I do not care to have anything ruffling the waters in those months, or bee shortly before January, From August to November are the best months, that is, the safest. Seeing that I do not particularly indorse the use of "old names " our good friend Corner will understand where I stand. Then, of course, with Corner I believe that we should confess that we are still very much ignorant of the systematy of tropical plants. To confess that here ... Oh mais non .. jamais. We know all. I did un receni this in time to

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On the nomenclature of the Rubber Tree

Several correspondents have called my attention to a recent article of Www O.F. Cook (in Jour. Washington Acad. Sc. 31:46-65. 1941) in which this author renames the cultivated Rubber Tree Siphonia Ridleyana and whose comments comments its history, nomenclature and classification.

economic botanists and agronomists who are not especially interested in the manifestation to taxonomy. Few of its reader, for instance, are mann aware that Cook, in addition to renaming the Rubber Tree, does something else, as follows:

(1) He certainly publishes a new combination, Caoutchoua guidenessis (Aubl.)

Cook; (2) He seemingly effects a transfer calling for a second combination,

Siphonia janerirensis (Mueller Arg.) Cook; (3) He implicitly breaks up

Heyea into Caoutchoua and Siphonia. Unumphilisting intermining in the Caoutchoua and Siphonia. Unumphilisting in the Caoutchoua and Siphonia.

In his treatment Cook sharply dissents with everyone of the botanists and taxonomists who before him have dealt with the cultivated Rubber Tree. His conclusions are altogether novel and white the conclusion of the manufacture instorical and botanical references. Nor is this all. The discussion is frequently interrupted by digressions that water puzzles a casual reader as they involve controversial issues of nomenclature. To verify Cook's statements rare texts must be consulted and the Rules of International Nomenclature must be throughly understood.

Since <u>Hevea</u> is one of the most important of our economic trees, not only, but belong; to a family, the <u>Euphorbia ceae</u>, in which are other economically important genera such as <u>Aleurites</u>, <u>Manihot</u>, <u>Ricinus</u> and <u>Euphorbia</u> I expect to deal briefly in the coming pages with some of the fallacies of

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Cook's paper. My own conclusions concerning this paper are summarized by three four synonymies which it is interesting to record without undue delay. It here is not my intention to consider Cook's historical notes and even less to deny that they are interesting.

Nomenclatural changes are of common occurrence in taxonomic practice and it is not unconceivable that a hasty reader of Cook's article may come to the conclusion that there is some justification for publishing Siphonia Ridleyana Cook, 1941, to replace Hevea brasiliensis Muell. Arg., 1865.

This is absolutely not the case. Cook rejects Hevea brasiliensis merely because he does not like this name, which is disclosure forbidden by the Rules of International Nomenclature (Art. 16, Art. 59, Art. 60(1)).

This is a cook lattacks the Rules themselves, disputing their soundness in principle as well as in detail.

The Rules of Botanical Nomenclature are the product of a theory and practice of botany that has survive close to two centuries of international between usage. Provenione to suppose that the Articles and the Recommendations in these Rules are either fully bad or fully good is a manifest fallacy. It is but plain common sense to believe that they are fairly good, because thousands of men of different minds at work upon the same problems can not always and completely err in their conclusions.

It is common sense, likewise, to believe that they can be made better, because science moves on, and a critical study of the issues that bob up in its wake never be dismissed as superfluous, boring, or deplorable.

Rules freely admit (Art. 74) that the Articles and the Recommendations can be altered, rejected or modified. This admission is hedged in by the conditional clause that changes can be introduced into the Rules only at the proper time and in the prescribed manner. Since little has been done so far to regulate the work of the bodies which are charged with the actual writing up of the Rules, it is not to be denied that many the conditions and the manner in which proposals may happen to be minorated in and out the Rules.

So far, so good but not an inch farther, Since in a democracy, such as botany is, the minority is not lined up against a wall but is allowed to survive and to use the pen as their sword, grievances can be ventilated and proposals discussed in view of turning the minority into a majority and management and a continued an article has been approved by the Botanical Congress it can neither be rejected nor be mutilated to have it state what it does not mean. A botanist is left free to follow good usage when the consequences of the Rules are doubtful (Art. 5), and escarete of he is augmand to use his freedom in such a manner that stabilizes nomenclature (Art. 4), stability of names material and transfer and the contract of the contract incorpora led being the ultimate goal of the Articles. A clear mandate in the Rules is there to stay, and it shall stand until properly revoked. If this mandate is unwise it can be fought best by those who rigidly enforce it. Enforcement will lead to inconvenien which be brought to the attention competent of the minumar bodies at the proper time. Flouting Articles because they are not liked or not understood menda, begets anarchy much sooner than reform. Some contend that the Rules are a nuisance, as it were cavils laid over botany. Be is so: the alternative to the Rules is chaos in nomenclature. This is an evil, that is, something that is (less tolerable than a nuisance.

application of native names and that Aublet was guilty, anyway, of introducing into taxonomy swarms of barbarous names words. This is true as a fact. It is not less true a fact, however, that the Rules say (Art. 15) that the purpose of giving a name to a taxonomic group is not to indicate the characters or the history of the group, but to supply a means of referring to it ". They state likewise (Art. 25): "These (generic) names may be taken from any source whatever, and may even be

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Rules understand and define botanical names as pure <u>labels</u>, not as abridged treatises of phytogeography, biology or linguistics. Thus, we have here two facts, as follows: (1) Aublet has misapplied the name heve to the plant which he has published as <u>Hevea</u>; (2) The Rules say that Aublet has validly published <u>Hevea</u>, nevertheless.

Which one of these two facts interests primarily the bo-, of a cestainty, tanist? The latter for the very simple reason that the name Hevea has no more significance or value than a label. I write about Hevea guranensis because I am informed Aubl. that any botanist in any country of the world knows that , in so doings, I speak of a certain plant which Aublet has described and illustrated in 1775. I accept this name with a full realization that it is objectionable on grounds other than those of nomenclature. My acceptance of it does not mean as yet that I am ignorant of the history of this plant. The Rules do not expert and unbearable coercion upon me as a scientist when they order me to use the name Hevea guianensis. I am altogether free to write a volume to tell the world how objectionable is this name, and how great are the misconceptions and errors that/presided upon its birth. I use this name as a label, not as a badge of mental subservience to a tyrannical power.

names as labels. ***Concern themselves with the "philosophical" preoccupations of this or that taxonomist, providing an Article for these who believe that the species is a "complex," and a second Article for those who believe that the species is an "individual" or anything such. The Rules disclaim any wish to interfere with *** individual opinions concerning taxonomic categories (Art. 13) for the very same reasons that ** any civilized

country is loath to have its legislators write up laws to tell a citizen when to get up in the morning. Taxonomista John Doe may happen to believe as Gospel's truth that the trinomial typicus is rank poppycock and that those who use it are guilty of a gross betrayal of " good " botany, but John Smith may believe even as firmly that such a trinomial is pure gold. The Rules, as between the two, know better than take sides, realizing that both may be right today and worker word wrong tomorrow. Meanwhile, John Smith may publish as many trinomials typical as he likes, and John Doe may reduce them all to synonymy, the one telling the other how hopelessly mistaken he is in his "biological concepts ", in his believing the species to be a " collection of individuals " instead else, and the like. The Rules stand by silently. All they are interested in is to arbitrate the game, and to see to it that the player /abide by a certain code of practice which prevents the discussion from becoming a brawl. Rules are needed, and must be closely followed, if John Doe is to relegate to proper synonymy everything which John Smith does and the other way around. Obviously, the Rules step in when John Doe in the heat of the argument violates priority, uses a nomen confusum, publishes a nomen alternativum and the like. The names are labels, and the labels that read " Vinum annorum C " can not be put on a flask filled with " Aqua pumpae ". That is all: let everybody think what he wishes, but let all deal their cards out according to the rules of the house.

wrong in taking such an "artificial "view of nomenclature. Let those who believe that the Rules are wrong write up a new set of Articles to make them right. Since, as Cook points out, it is unberable to have as Asclepias syriaca a weed that hails from New England, and as Simmondsia chinensis a shrub from Southern California let us see what

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can be done to remedy these wrongs. We have scores of epithets like: orientalis, occidentalis, australis, septemtrionalis, marianus, marianus, virginianus, canadensis, brasiliensis, mauritanicus, aethiopicus, sarmaticus, ponticus, chinensis, indicus, and so forth, which are glaringly misapplied in their relation to species. Not only, but Euphorbia antiquorum L. never was the true " Euphorbium of the antients ", E. officinarum L. never was the sole source of the gum euphorbium, secured prevailingly from E. resinifera Berg. Errors in the designation of geographic origin, in the indication of commercial uses and the like are rife all over the records of taxonomy. Once the gate is oven to correct botanical names on such grounds as the ones just stated, why not change the name of a plant that is glabrous and its author/has dubbed pubescens? Why, which is worse yet, tolerate that the main biotype of a complex enjoys only trinomial status when an insignificant form of this complex, having been described first in time, bears Afull binomial name ? Would-be reformers face a serious issue: they must remedy existing evils seeing to it that these evils under their hasty manipulations do not Since the proper place for introducing corrections into the Rules is in the articles that are most immediately concerned, let those who object against the botanical names being labels write up another text under art. 15 to state, for instance, that the purpose of giving a name to a taxonomic group is to indicate the characters and the history of the group. So written, Art. 15 will please botanists who do not like Hevea. Other botanists, however, will object pointing out that once the principle corrections is accepted that "corrections" can easily be made, we must know who is to be why and how, and it is here that the difficulty lies.

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Cook's biting castigation of "indexers, cataloguers, or even herbarium assistants " who believe, as he states, that new names must be accepted at once, and old names summarily discarded has no support in fact. The Rules have never stated, nor do they state, that new names must be accepted at once and that old ones must be cast off for twith. Stability of nomenclature, not priority is the fundamental purpose of the Article A botanist presented with freshly unearthed old names being placed thereby but the immediate becomes of accepting them. A name may be so old, paradoxical as this may seem, that having been used by too many authors in too many senses it mustabe discarded as a permasource of confusion and error (Art. 62). Likewise, an old name which can not be properly applied is rejected (Art. 63), with the understanding that it may be used / (Rec. xxxvii), if its correct use can be determined. An old names which is based upon a type-specimen two plants confused together, and believed to be a single one is to be discarded (Art. 64). A monstrosity does not warrant the publication of a name, and an ancient name published for an occasional aberrant form has no legitimate status in nomenclature (Art. 65). But of all, an acknowledged old name, effectively published and having full legitimate status, may be disposed of in favor of a younger one in combine special cases (Art. 21), this principle having been extended to preserve certain spellings as against certain others, Bougainvillea, for instance, as against the perfectly correct/Buginvillea. Cook's statement that : " The older names are never completely discarded, but remain in reference use among students of botany who have sufficient interest to follow the history of a plant to the original sources " is both true and false. It is

true to the extent that older and illegitimate names remain in the synonymy of the plant involved, this synonymy revealing the history of the entity in taxonomy and, mayhaps, in economic botany. It is false when it is read to imply that old names, or what supposed to be old names, are necessarily legitimate in nomenclature. One may agree with Cook wholeheartedly that " Constructive reforms are needed to keep taxonomy as a part of the study of plants and to open this field of natural interest to a wider public ", but one does not discover at a glance the connection that binds such constructive reforms with renaming Hevea after thomastery brasiliensis managaration, as Siphonia Ridleyana. I do not know whether in quoting Santayana as a successful critic of botany/" trivial, overtechnical science with a peevish insistence on the right names for flowers ", Cook does actual justice to the intention of that author. Santayana, as a philosopher knows that one of the first and most important steps taken in the ascent of man is the discovery of language, which made it possible for certain names to be attached to certain objects. Santayana, most likely, alludes to the doings of botanists who, being handed a correct and standadized label, refuse to use and insist upon speaking a language of their own because the color of the paper is not to their fancy.

Once of the chapters of Cook's work is titled "Siphonia an alternative name", and in the considered by their authors as provisional is one of the strange proposals in recent efforts to reform the system of nomenclature ". Once again there is no support in the Rules for this interpretation. It is true that Art. 37 ter is poorly worded, and that serious misinterpretations have crept in about the difference between "provisional" and "alternative" names. Anyone who reads the Article in question

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and the debates which have led to its adoption knows that a name considered by its author as provisional is not a nomen provisorium under the Rules. Let us not confuse issue at the start, and mistake A the word "crime", as it is being used in colloquial language, with the term " crime" as it reads in the laws of the land. To allow good food to go to waste may be a " crime " to a housewife, but "crime" to a judge sitting on the bench a wind name is not such under the Rules merely because an author Astates in the publication that he is not certain whether the mame will stand as given. To coin a true provisional name under the Rules a botanist must publish or use two or more names at the same time, making the acceptance of one of them contingent upon events to be verified in the future. I may publish Planta quaevis stating that this name has provisional status because I am not certain of the genus and even less of the rank, whether a good species or a trinomial, and this does not make me guilty of publishing a provisional name under the Rules. I become guilty of coining such a name under the Rules when I publish in the same paper, and at the same time, both Planta quaevis and Arbor quaevis, tagging two names to one and the same entity, and leaving it to somebody else in the future to decide which one of these two names is good. That names of the kind, the latter one at least, are not legit timate is readily understood. The reasons why it is so are at least three, as follows: (1) The interests of stability and certainty of nomenclature are not served contemporaneousty when one plant is published under two or more names. Let each plant Cos Treates bear one name, and let each name be properly and definitely dated as to its publication. This is straight record to the straight record t

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(2) It is convenient, to say the least, that each publication should be perfect in itself, that is, that everybody know that it was made at such date, by such author, and that it delivered to the press without trailing if's and but's. Since a true provisional name becomes "good" only when certain conditions are verified, what are we to think of it so long as these conditions have not come to pass? Is it good or not? are we to know?; (3) It is unethical that an author should refuse to decide an issue but should retain the right to tell another author, who is willing to decide the what name to use. Let everybody coin his own names and use them Dur himself, standing squarely behind what he does. In a classic instance of nomen provisorium have discussed a short time ago (Croizat in Journ Arnold Arbor. 21: 499. 1940; see also Croizat, op.cit.,22:/37. 1941) Hooker uses the name Croton laevifolius Bl. (Fl. Brit. India 5:391. 1887) for a certain plant from N.E. India (Khasia). Then, the next page, under C. Griffithi Hook.f., he states: " A solitary specimen of Griffith's from malacca (Kew Distrib. 4779) has the very slender racemes of C. laevifolius and lepidote ovaries .- It is possible that this is the

should bear the name of khasianus ". Hooker's hesitations invite the following comment: "Please, do secure on loan the holotype of C. laevifolius or at least some well authenticated material, and make up your mind whether the Khasian plant is C. laevifolius Bl. or a new species, C. khasianus Hook. f. If you publish C. khasianus and are wrong, your name will go to synonymy. If you keep to be right, you will have one more binomial to your lasting credit. All I ask you, please, is to make up

true laevifolius of Blume; and if so, the Khasian plant so called

your mind. Why should I be expected to do your work and to check Blume's specimen? Why should I not be free to use any name I wish, if I am the one to decide whether the Khasian plant is different from C. laevifolius ? True emeta, you may not as yet be in the position to reach a conclusion because you have not enough material available. This I understand. But why should you have the right of publishing a name by anticipation when I have no such right myself? Science goes on endlessly, so, please, let each one of us work out that problem for which he has the material or about which should he feels competent. The future will take care of itself . I trust that the shadows of Hooker, in the Great Beyond where there are no wars and everybody blessed with common sense is intermediate, forgive me if I address them in colloquial American upon an is sue that Hooker, not being bound by our Rules, was after all free to solve any way he wished. I believe, rather, that Hooker's spirit, reminding itself of having once lived as a great and fair botanist, chuckles, seeing that the beings of the flesh must speak the plainest language in order to be understood by their brothers in the craft.

The fallacies in Cook's work are so numerous that it is County technical actually impossible to discuss them all within the limit of a breakfurning Survive College usazzal paper. It might be true, although it is not quite certain, that treeand plant-names in Latin take feminine adjectives, to agree with arbor or herba as an implied appositive. It is undoubtedly true that the modifications introduced in Art. 72 by the Amsterdam Congress of 1935 are ambiguous and confusing, leaving it uncertain what is to be done about the gender of generic names. But the generic names in use in taxonomy are not entirely Latin. Many, and these are legitimate too, are derived from Greek roots compounded in the modern manner or used according to classical usage, or from unclassical language. Rules are needed to determine the gender of these names. As to Hevea and Evea being, or not, homonyms, the Rules provide a good answer. They decide (Art. 70," Examples Of Different Names ?) that Durvillea and Urvillea are different names, which settle the issues to everybody's knowledge.

Every botanist has a duty and a right in regard to the Rules. He has the duty of studying and knowing them, and has the right to ask his fellow-workers to do the same. This is because the Rules protect any and all, and provide a meeting ground for the exchange of ideas and data. The right of insurgency and secession against the Article; be it manifes ted in willfull

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opposition, or by ignorance and neglect of what the Articles say, is not to be made the subject of philosophical discussions. However, out of a decent respect for the opinions of mankind let insurgents and war dillike secessors read the law against which they lift their hands before fir is the first shoot. One is often amazed hearing arguments about the Rules which have no reason to be for the simple reason that the Rules do not say what their accusers or self-appointed expounders try to have them say. There are three kinds of offenders against the Rules, namely: (1) those who occasionally violate Art. 16 because they overlook a previous publication; (2) those who consistenty. do not or can not read the Articles as they stand, but build up castles in Spain to suit their own notions how the "articles " should read; (3) those who the Rules overloading the mowith by motion to barnacles experienced William William William William Work of the construction of the co any petty and extreme contingency that may arise under any and all Articles. quile less is house were that the sinners against Art. 16 are almost the only one who get caught and summarily executed.

In pointing out some of the errors in Cook's treatment it is not my intention to minimize the value of the data he contributes outside of nomenclature. The classification of Heven, like that of many other euphorbiaceous genera, suffers from an initial over-splitting, that is, the first authors who have treated it, Mueller Argoviensis especially, had no concept of specific limits in this genus. Thus, the work of these authors has created precedents and methods the characteristic treatment of that must be radically revised and aif need be, reversed before any real approach to correct classification can be made.

To simplify the coming taxonomic work on this genus I affirm here the following synonymies:

- 1) Hevea brasiliensis Muell. Arg. in Linnaea 34:204. 1865

 Jour.

 Syn. Nov.: Siphonia Ridleyana Cook in Washington Acad. Sc. 31:46-65.
- 2) <u>Hevea guianensis</u> Aubl. Hist. Plant. Guian. 2:871, Pl. 335 (sphalm.:peruviana). 1775.

 Syn. Nov.: Caoutchoua guianensis (Aubl.) Cook in Jour. Washington

 Acad. Sc. 31:58. 1941.
- 3) Hevea janeirensis Muell. Arg. in Martius, Fl. Brasil. 11[2]:706. 1874.

 Syn. Nov.: Siphonia janeirensis (Muell. Arg.) Cook in Jour.

 Washington Acad. Sc. 31:61. 1941.

I hope that these synonymies conform with Cook's account them to the barest essentials because I do not intend at this writing to enter into the merits of the classification of Hevea. It is clear in my understanding that treatment much is to be done in the manufacture of the Euphorbiaceae in general before we can have this classification put on a tolerable basis. Here, I merely deal with six labels of which three are correct on technical grounds of nomenclature much is to be long is quite a different manufacture than deciding which are the characters, for instance, that may or may not separate specifically Hevea brasiliens is from H. janeirensis. To this will tend later.

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Dear Henderson.

Tumerous thanks for your kindness in tracing 2 numbers of Materials absent in my series: I have ordered the Euph. by Gage and have tried also to get No. 1 which is the last part which fails. I will have them rebound as they are thrown through one another, which can easily be done without much costst. The only gear I have is that No. 1 is not longer available. W'll wait and see. Possibly they have odd numbers of the journal at Calcutta. Many thanks for all the trouble you took. Sincerely yours

The monograph of the Euphorbiaceae is only was here

par of Gage's msc. and gives only some genera, if I remember well only 7 genera. Has this been decided on Malay Peninsula. materials by the editor in Calcutta. Have they tried to get funds in the Peninsula. The reason they mention is the existence of the Flora by Ridley. But I believe that Gage's work will exceed Ridley's in usefulness. It is a pity that the rest of Gage's work will never be p blished any further .



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Mr M.R. Henderson

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BUITENZORG (JAVA).

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17th December,

Dear Dr Quisumbing,

I wonder if you would be so kind as to lend me specimens of Cheilosa homaliifolia Merrill (Euphorbiaceae). I find that specimens from Malaya, described as Baliospermum malayanum Hook., are really Cheilosa and I cannot see how to distinguish them from Merrill's description of C.homaliifolia. We have only one specimen of C.homaliifolia in Singapore, namely Ramos 1667: it is identical with the Malayan species except for the edge of the leaf. If my surmise is correct, it means that Merrill's name becomes a synonym, which will be unfortunate, but I suppose such is the rathless advance of science and better now than later. I have written to Dr van Steenis to ask him about Cheilosa montana, because I verily believe Cheilosa malayana will have to be reduced to C.montana and we shall again have Cheilosa as a monotypic genus.

I apologise for the long delay in returning the specimens of Ficus subgen. Synoecia which you so kindly lent me. I shall do so early next year. I have been delayed because I have been trying to locate the type of Ficus scratchleyana, and I have also been trying to get specimens of the Formosan F. terasoensis for comparison with your F. megacarpa. In both objects, I have been unsuccessful. However, King's description of F. scratchleyana is very good, and relying on that, I determine your Philippine

Dr. E. Quisumbing,

Bureau of Science,

Manila, PHILIPPINES.

specimens named F.apiocarpa as F.scratchleyana, which is known only from New Guinea. F.scratchleyana is the eastermost representative of the subgenus and it is very interesting to find it in the Philippines.

F.apiocarpa seems not to occur in your country: it is a species of the Sunda shelf.

Thanking you, again, for your ready assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Assistant Director of Gardens, S.S.

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MEMORANDUM

Curator of the Herbarium,

Botanic Gardens, Singapore.

25th July 1938.

To Veterinary Officer,

Pahang.

Your No.4 in V. Phg. 222/38.

The specimen is Agrostistachys Gaudichaudii (Euphorbiaceae), Malay name Julong-julong.

I cannot find any reference to any poisonous properties it may possess and it is certainly not usually regarded as in any way poisonous.

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Official Memorandum.

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r _{rom} Veterinary Officer,	To The Curator,
Pahang.	Botanical Gardens, Singapore:

I forward herewith leaf samples of a jungle shrub or tree? known locally in Temerloh as Kechulun (cf. Wilkinson's dictionary - Clerodendron disparifolium). I would appreciate your identification, the correct generic name and any information concerning its assumed poisonous properties and the nature of the active principle involved.

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Veterinary Officer, Pahang.

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18th October,

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Dear Sir,

I should be very grateful if you could let me have an authentic specimen of Richeviella gracilis (Merr.) Pax and K. Haffm. (Baccaurea gracilis, Merr.) with flowers.

This genus has been collected in the Malay Peninsula, but I have no material of the Philippine species for comparison, and the two seem closely allied.

Yours faithfully,

Curator of the Herbarium.

The Director,

Bureau of Science,

Manila,

Philippine Islands.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

BUREAU OF SCIENCE

ADDRESS REPLY TO:
DIRECTOR,
BUREAU OF SCIENCE.
MANILA, P. I.

December 3, 1932.

The Curator of the Herbarium, Botanic Gardens, Singapore, Straits Settlements.

My dear Dr. Henderson:-

In reply to your letter of October 18th, 1932, (No. 624/32), I have the pleasure to advise you that under separate cover I am sending you a package containing two flowering specimens of Richeriella gracilis (Merr.) Pax & Hoffm. Hoping that the specimens will reach you in perfect condition.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM H. BROWN, Director, Bureau of Science.

EDUARDO QUISUMBING,
Botanist.

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- 45903. Richeriella gracilis (Merr.) Pax & Hoffm. Bur. Sci. Coll. McGregor. Palawan, Sept., 1925. (EUFHORBIACEAE)
- 29249. Richierella gracilis (Merr.) Pax & Hoffm.
 For. Bur. A. L. Cenabre. Puerto Princesa,
 Palawan. Feb., 1923.

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MANILA

DRESS REPLY TO: BUREAU OF SCIENCE. MANILA, P. I.

January 27, 1933.

Dr. R. E. Holttum, Director, Botanic Gardens, Singapore, Straits Settlements.

My dear Dr. Holttum:-

This is to acknowledge receipt of 2 mounted herbarium specimens of Richeriella which were loaned to you about a month ago. The material arrived in very good condition.

Very sincerely yours,

EDUARDO QUISUMBING, Botanist.

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GOVERNMENT OF BENGAL

OFFICE OF The Superintendent, Royal

Botanic Garden, Calcutta.

DEPARTMENT.

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FROM

K. Biswas, Esq., M.A., Curator of the Berbarium, Royal Botanic Garden, Calcutta.

To

The Curator of the Herbarium,
Botanic Garden, Singapore, Straits Settlements,

Dated the 19. Decr., 1932.

Subject:--

Sir.

I have the honour to acknowledge with many thanks the receipt of the specimen of Sumbavia macrophylla Muell Arg., the return of which has been advised in your letter No. 688/32, dated the 29th November, 1932.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Curator of the Herbarium, Royal Botanic Garden, Calcutta.

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20th October,

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Sir,

I ahouls be very grateful for an authentic duplicate of Sumbavia macrophylla, Mull. Arg. if you can spare one, or instead the loan of a specimen for a short time.

What is apparently this plant has recently been collected in the Malay Peninsula, but we have no material for comparison.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Curator of the Herbarium.

The Curator of the Herbarium,

Botanic Gardens,

Calcutta,

India.

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29th November,

Sir,

I am very grateful for the loan of the specimen of Sumbavia macrophylla, Muell. Arg., which is being returned to you under separate cover.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Curator of the Herbarium.

The Superintendent,
Royal Botanic Gardens,
Sibpur,
Calcutta.

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FROM

K. Biswas, Esq., M.A., Curator of the Herbarium, Royal Botanic Garden, Calcutta.

To

The Curator of the Herbarium, Botanic Garden, Singapore.

Dated the 8th Novr., 1932.

Subject:-

Sir,

Your letter No. 637/32, dated the 20th October, 1932.

I am sending by separate post a duplicate sheet of Sumbavia macrophylla Muell Arg, bearing field No. 11800. Kindly return the sheet securely packed when you have done with it. Please acknowledge receipt of the sheet.

> I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

For: Curator of the Herbarium,

Royal Botanic Garden, Calcutta.

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26th April, 33.

Dear Dr. Smith,

I have to acknowledge with very many thanks your letter of 3 April, with the identification of Phyllanthodendron coriaceum, Gage. I note your remarks on the modification of the generic diagnosis as given by Ridley.

Sa M. R. dan Seron

Dr. J.J.Smith, Endegeester Straatweg 16, Oegstgeest, Leiden, Holland.

Organzeen, 3-IV-1933.

Den M. Hendern,

I have just received your letter by air mail
with the description and proporer of the Lephorbroceron
and wo question. I have little worth of is:

Phytharhordendron convaceum Jaga.

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6 dise glands.

One of these days I will return the modified.

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Junes tricerely

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24th January,

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Dear Dr. Smith,

of an Euphorbiace plant. This has quite puzzled me and I was unable to trace it at Kew. Dr. van Slooten at Buitenzorg has also failed to recognise it, and suggested that I should send it to you. Unfortunately I have only this one sheet on which female flowers are very scarce, so I am sending you a short description of the flowers and some sketches made under the camera lucida.

Any help you can give me will be very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

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Dr. J. J. Smith,
Endegeester Straatweg 16,
Oestgeest, (near Leiden)
Holland.

565/38.

4th January

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Dear Nelmes,

When I was last at Kew I remember seeing the latest part of the Materials for a Flora of the Malay Peninsula, containing <u>Euphorbiaceae</u> by Gage. At that time (1936) it was either newly published or you had advance copies. Unfortunately I did not note particulars of where this was published, although I suppose it was in the Journ.Roy.As.Soc.Beng. However, as Biswas of Calcutta, to whom I have written, does not seem to know about it, I should be very grateful if you could confirm that it was published and give me the volume etc. in which it appeared. Biswas says that the Index to the Materials is in the press.

Yours sincerely,

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E. Nelmes, Esq.,

The Herbarium,

Royal Botanic Gardens,

Kew, Surrey,

ENGLAND.

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OFFICE OF the Superintendent; Royal Botanic Garden,

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FROM

To

Dr.K. Biswas Esq, M.A., D. Sc., F.R. S.E.,

Superintendent, Royal Botanic Garden,

Sibpore near Calcutta.

The Curator of the Herbarium,

Botanic Gardens, Singapore, Straits Settlements.

Dated 22nd December; 1938.

Subject :--

Sir,

With reference to your letter No.565/38 dated the 5th December,1938, I have the honour to furnish you with the following list of publications by the late Sir George King and Col. Gage on the Materials for a flora of the Malay Peninsula published in the Journal of the Asiatic Society of Bengal. As regards the Journal of the Asiatic Society of Bengal (now Royal Asiatic Society of Bengal), you will have to apply to the General Secretary, Royal Asiatic Society of Bengal,

1 Park Street, Calcutta. The Records of the Botanical Survey of India Vol. IX.no.2, 1922 as well as Kew Bulletin no.7,1914 are, I think, already in your library. The Index for the flora of the Materials of the Malay Peninsula is now passing through the press and will be published by the Royal Asiatic Society of Bengal.

I have the honour to be, Sir, Your most obedient servant,

- Distas

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Materials to the flora of the Malay Peninsula published in the following journals.

- 1. Journal of the Asiatic Society of Bengal Vol. LXVI.pt. 2,189
- 2. " Vol.LXV.pt.2,1896.
- 3. " Vol.LXIX,pt.1,1900.
- . Wol.LXX pt.2,1901.
- 5. " Vol.LXXI.pt.2,1902.
- 6. " Vol.LXX11.pt.2,1903.
- 7. " Vol.LXXIII.pt.2,1905.
- 8. " Vol.LXXIV.pt.2,1909-10.
- 9. " Vol.LXXV , 1912-15.
- 10. Records of the Botanical Survey of India, Vol. X. No. 2, 1922
- 11. Kew Bulletin of the Miscellaneous Informations, No. 7, 1914

SPECIMENS COLLECTED BY HIM

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GARDENS HERBARIUM

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SUBJECT

Mosses

Correspondence with H.N. Dixon Esq

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Connected Papers

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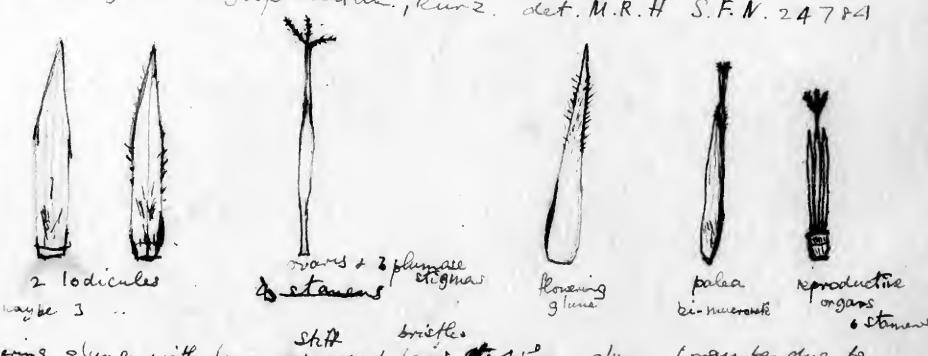
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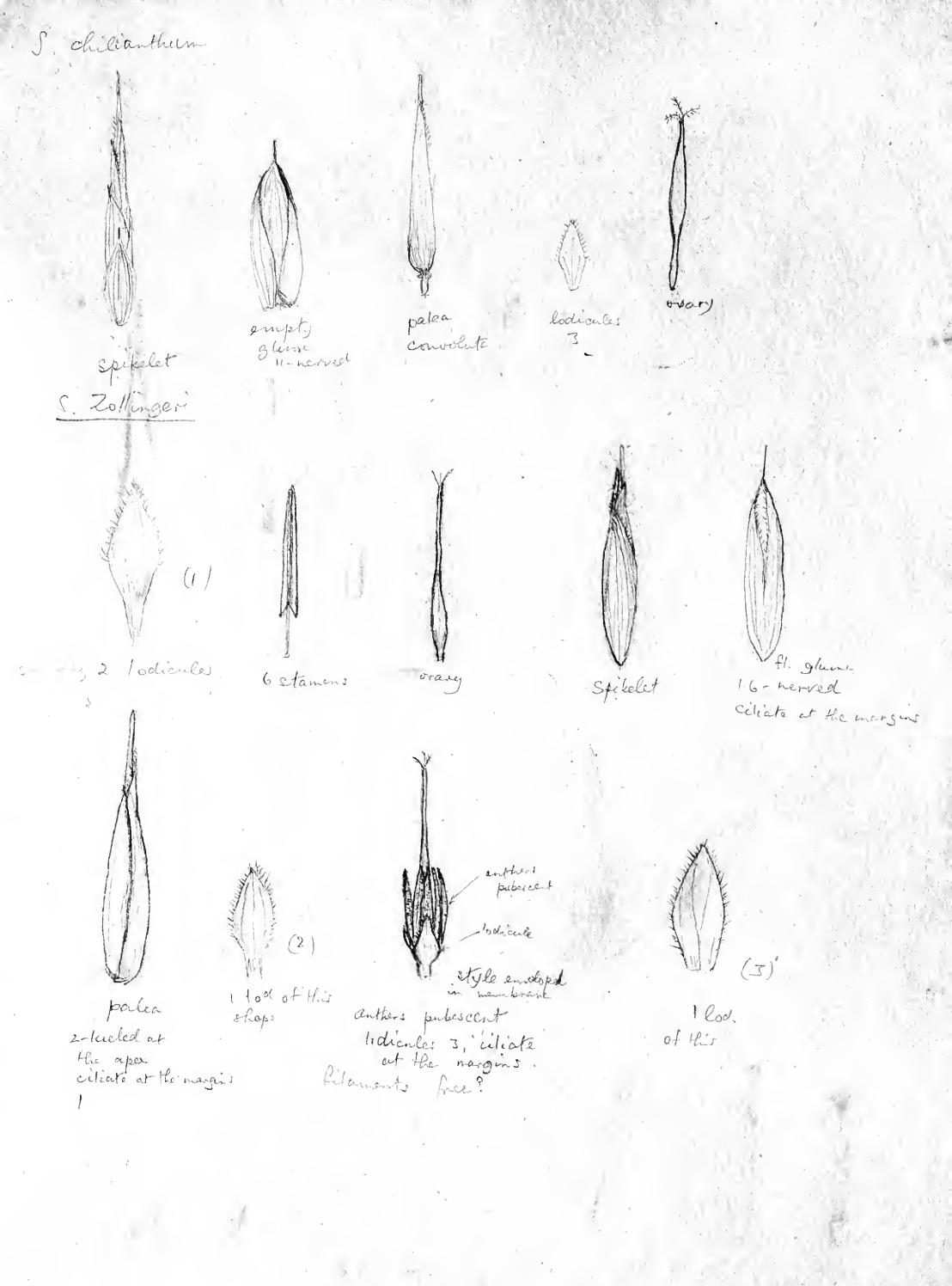
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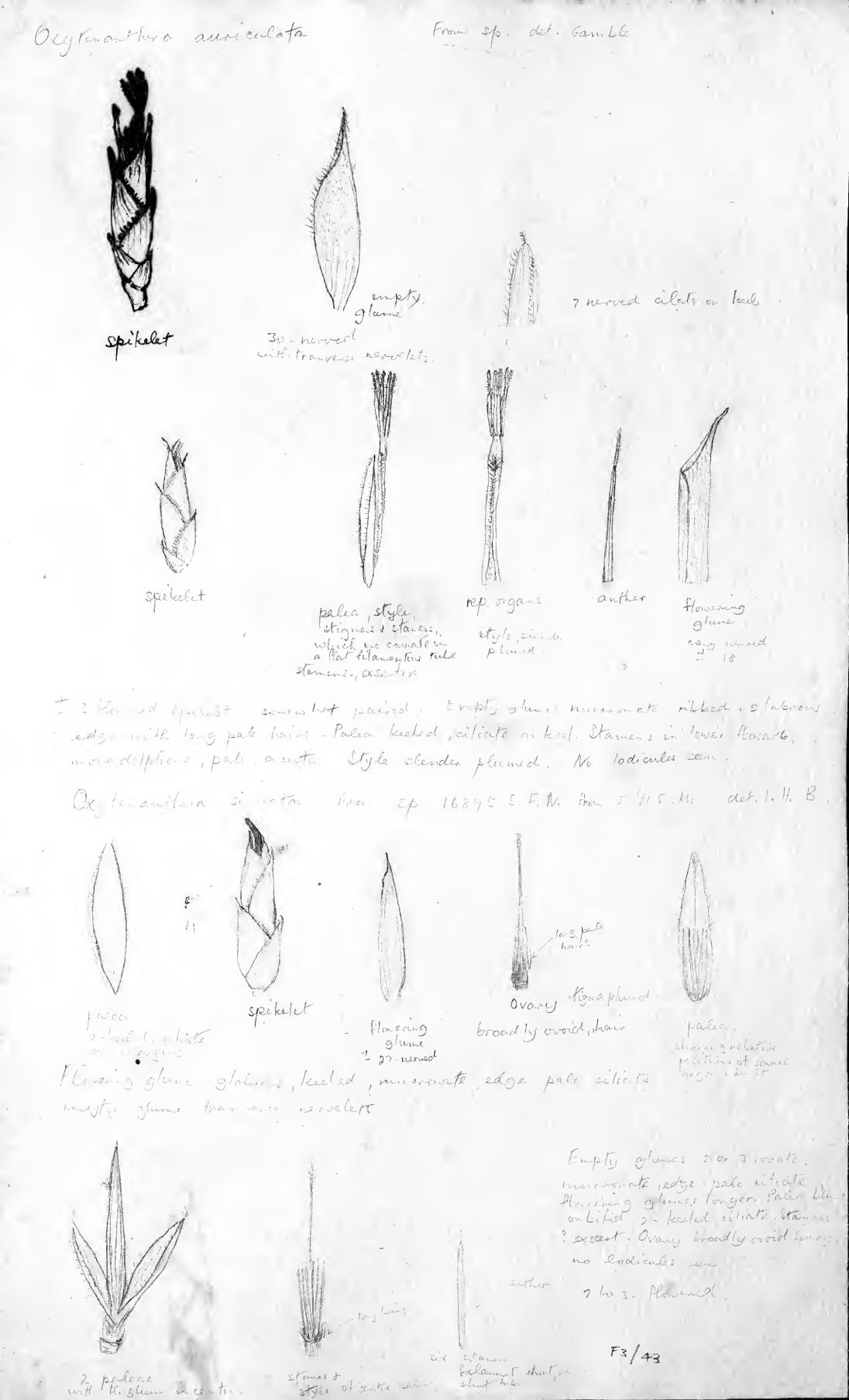


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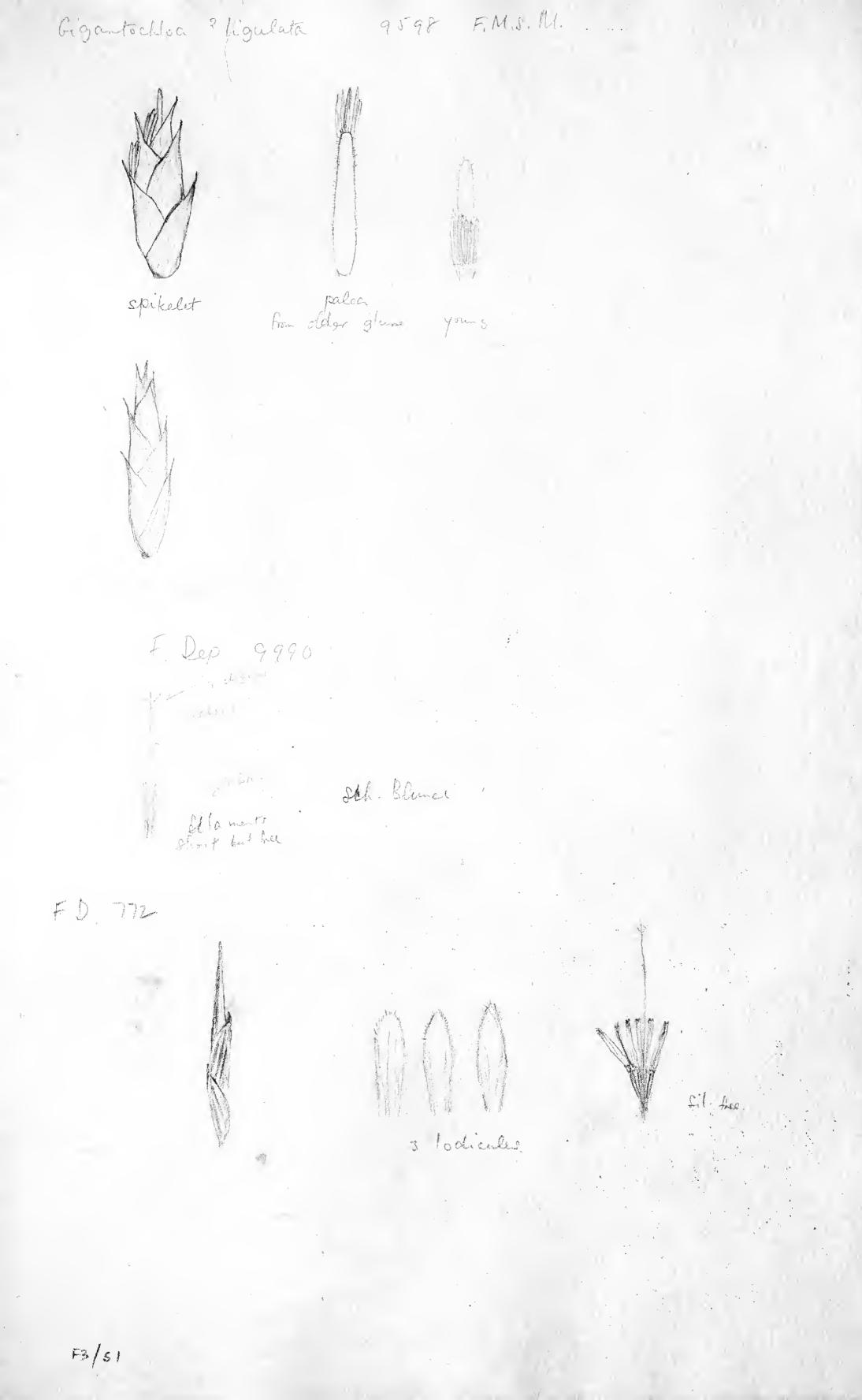
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106. Saccharum senancusis, Tapan.

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